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―明治剣客浪漫譚―

和月伸宏

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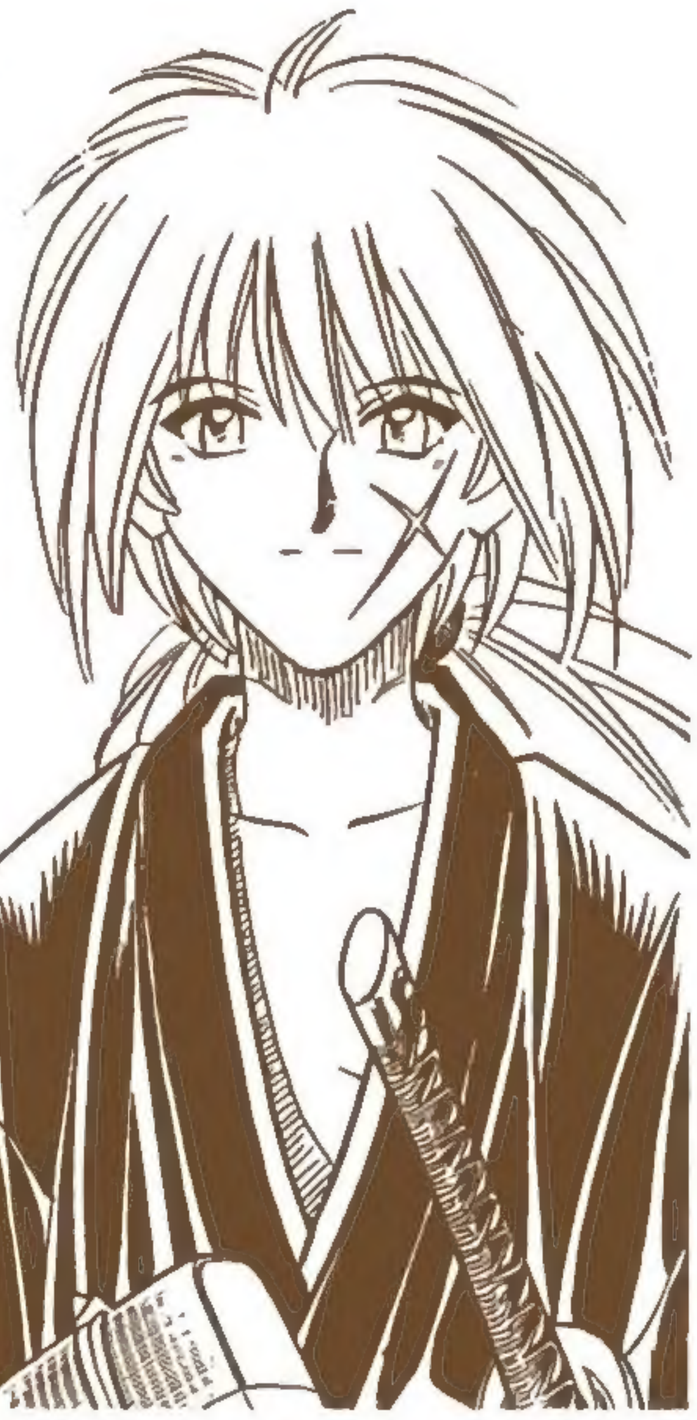

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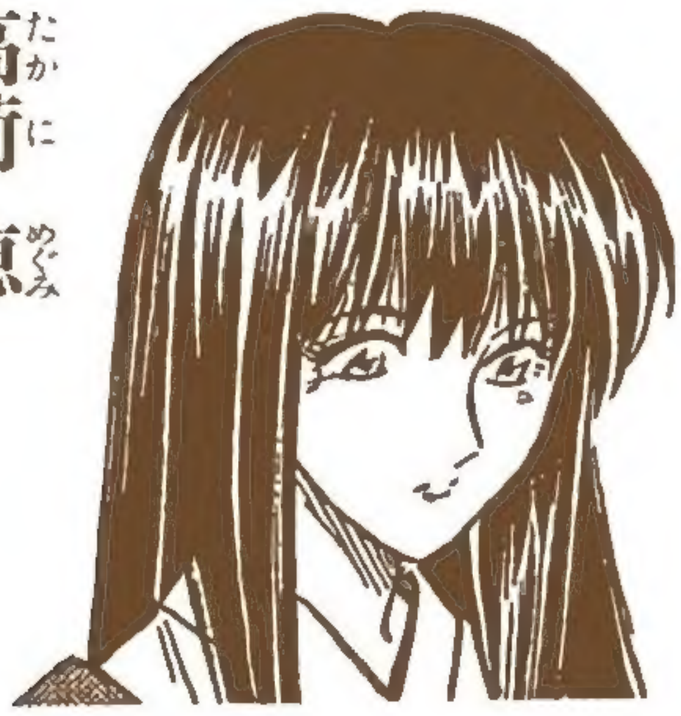

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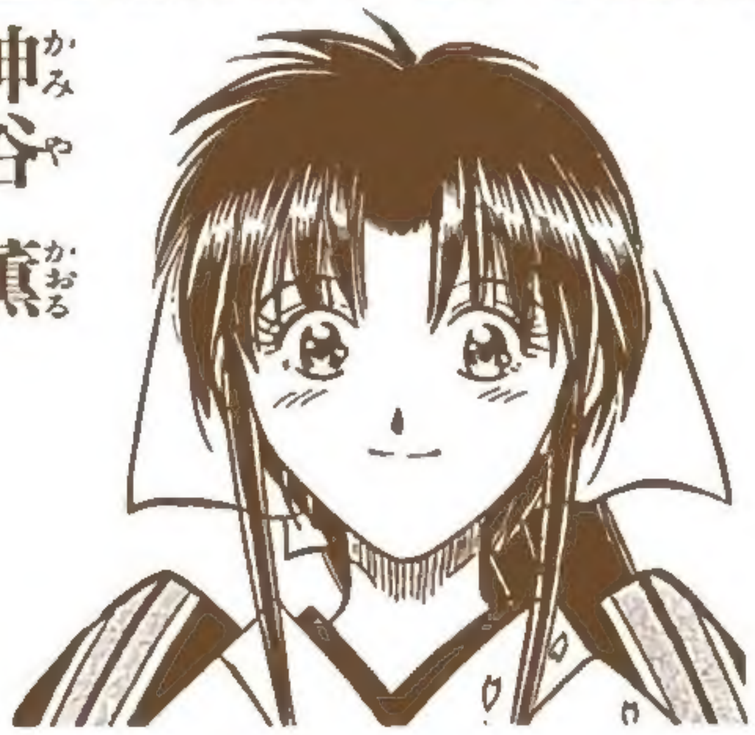

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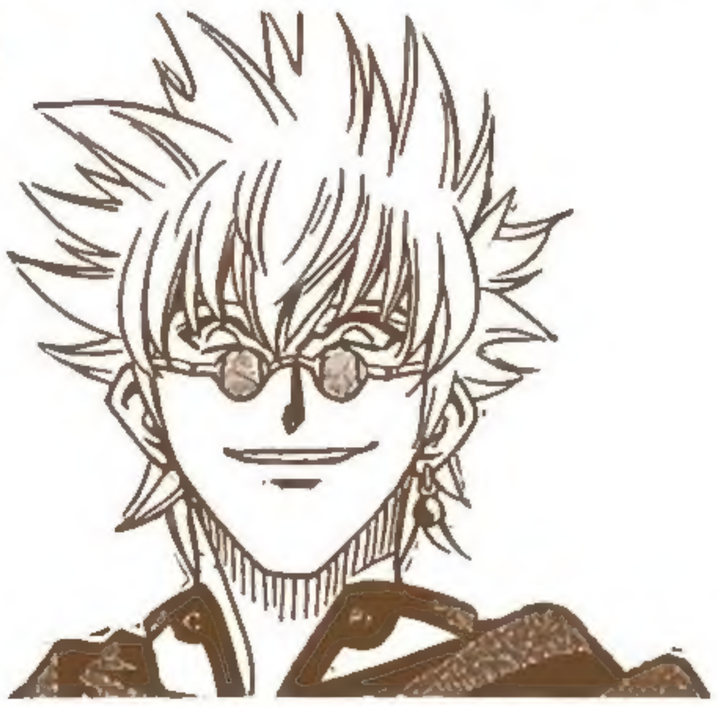

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22巻までのあらすじ

逆刃刀を腰に下げ、不殺を誓う流浪人・緋村剣心――彼こそは新時代・明治を切り拓いた維新志士の中で最強無比の伝説をもつ「人斬り抜刀斎」であった。

天下の覇権を狙った、志々雄一派の野望を死闘のすえ打ち破り、剣心達は帰京する。闘いの無い平和な日常も束の間、抜刀斎に恨みを持つ者達が集結、人誅のために行動を開始。赤べこ、前川道場、浦村署長宅が次々と襲われ、そのうえ、かつてその手で斬殺した妻・巴の弟・縁が復讐者達の首謀者と知り、苦悩する剣心。縁は十日後、神谷道場を総攻撃すると宣戦布告してきた。罪を償う答をみつけられぬまま、今の現実を守るために剣心は闘うことを決意、過去の因縁を薫達に語った。

十日後、縁達は気球に乗って神谷道場に現れる。攻撃の第一陣・鯨波は、剣心と左之助の連携の攻守によって、一時的に動きを封じ込められる。続いて番神と乙和、そして地上の戦いの膠着状態を破るため、外印が降り立ち、戦局は三分化された。対するは剣心対外印操る参號夷腕坊、左之助対番神、弥彦対乙和！　天翔龍閃、二重の極みで参號夷腕坊と番神は破れ、弥彦も激闘の中、神谷活心流奥義の攻め「刃渡り」を決め、乙和を倒す。闘いの最中ながらも、弥彦の勝利に安堵する剣心達を八ツ目が奇襲!!　その時、斎藤一が姿を現した!!

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I'VE COME TO INTERROGATE YOU ON YOUR TIES TO "YUKISHIRO ENISHI"...

IF YOU'VE BEEN ALIVE THIS WHOLE TIME, WHY WERE YOU HIDING FROM US?

YOU...

...BUT IT SEEMS THERE'S NO NEED TO ASK.

YOUR RELATION-SHIP SEEMS TO BE THE WORST KIND.

WHAT'S THIS?!

THIS IS CON-VENIENT.

YOU WERE ALREADY IN BATTLE.

WERE YOU PRETENDING TO BE DEAD, LOOKING FOR A CHANCE TO KILL KENSHIN!?

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BUT NOT KNOWING THE DETAILS IS A BIT ANNOYING.

LISTEN TO ME!!

DON'T GIVE ME ORDERS!

EXPLAIN.

YOU SHOULD HAVE TOLD US RIGHT AWAY THAT YOU WERE ALIVE.

...WE FELT BAD.

DID YOU WANT ME TO BE DEAD THAT MUCH?

QUIT YOUR NAGGING.

NO WAY!!

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EXPLAIN.

QUIT YOUR NAGGING.

BUT IN RETURN... PLEASE HELP KEN-SAN.

...WHAT LED TO THIS, AND THE CURRENT SITUATION.

WAIT!! I TILL HAV HINGS T ASK HIM

I'LL EXPLAIN...

I DECLINE.

THE ONLY TIME I WIELD MY SWORD...

...IS FOR MY OWN JUSTICE.

……!

REQUEST DENIED.

EXPLAIN THINGS QUICKLY.

PICK UP YOUR SWORD!

NOW...

WHY DID YOU, FROM A GOLD-MINING CLAN...

...THROW YOURSELF INTO A LIFE OF BATTLE WITH THE "YAMI-NOBU"...?

...THINGS ARE BECOMING CLEARER...

...BUT THERE STILL IS ONE THING NOT YET UNDER-STOOD.

OR WILL THE WOMAN FACE ME?

A GOLD-MINING CLAN CANNOT SURVIVE WITHOUT GOLD.

THE GOLD MINES OF JAPAN—ONCE CALLED THE GOLDEN COUNTRY, ZIPANGU—WERE MINED SO HARD TOWARDS THE END OF THE EDO PERIOD THAT HARDLY ANY GOLD CAME OUT OF THEM ANYMORE.

...WHEN CIRCUM-STANCES CHANGE, SITUATIONS CHANGE ALSO...

THE YATSUME CLAN DEPENDED ON "BODY SHAPING," ON ME.

WE NEEDED TO FIND A DIFFERENT WAY TO LIVE.

THE TOKU-GAWA WERE DEFEATED BY THE ISHIN SHISHI.

BUT I WAS DEFEATED BY YOU.

IF I COULD PROVE THIS TO THE TOKUGAWA SHOGUNATE—

THIS BODY HAS GREAT POTENTIAL FOR BATTLE.

RISKING DEATH FROM STARVATION AND EXPOSURE, THEY ARE GAMBLING ON THE SLIMMEST CHANCE, SEARCHING FOR GOLD VEINS IN THE UNDEVELOPED LANDS OF HOKKAIDO.

AND NOW THE YATSUME CLAN IS LIKE A CANDLE LEFT IN THE WIND.

KENSHIN ...!

ZUU

...THIS MAN IS NOT SIMPLY OBSESSED WITH HIS CLAN'S LAWS.

HE'S TURNED HIS CLAN'S MISFORTUNES INTO A GRUDGE AGAINST THE ISHIN SHISHI, AND NOW HE'S FOCUSING HIS RAGE ON KENSHIN.

PICK UP YOUR SWORD, BATTŌSAI!!

NOW, MY STORY TELLING IS OVER!

IF YOU PLAN TO FIGHT BUT NOT KILL, STAND BACK.

!

...THAT WAS YOUR VOICE...

YOU DON'T SEEM TOO SURPRISED.

WHY ARE YOU HERE...?

HEH.

TRUE.

IT IS COMMON FOR THOSE BELIEVED TO HAVE DIED IN WAR TO BE ALIVE.

WHILE JAPAN IS STARTING TO STABILIZE AFTER THE SHISHIO INCIDENT, BUILDING STRENGTH TO STAND UP AGAINST FOREIGN COUNTRIES...

...IT IS BAD NEWS TO HAVE A GATEWAY IN SHANGHAI, THE CLOSEST FOREIGN PORT, FOR WEAPONS AND SUCH TO FLOW FREELY IN AND OUT.

I WAS SEARCHING FOR THE INSURGENT WHO SOLD SHISHIO THE IRONCLAD RENGOKU...

...AND AS A FOLLOW-UP INVESTIGATION ON THE INCIDENT...

...I WAS LED TO THAT MAN IN THE SKY.

DO YOU PLAN TO TAKE ENISHI DOWN...?

...!

...!

THE "EXISTENCE" OF THAT MAN...

...IS A THREAT TO JAPAN.

WE'LL HAVE TO DRAG HIM TO THE GROUND FIRST.

...OR EXILING HIM...

...ARRESTING HIM...

TAKING HIM DOWN...

AND...

...THAT FREAK IS ALL THAT REMAINS.

.....

HE'S GOING TO COME DOWN ONCE EVERYONE HERE IS DEFEATED, RIGHT?

...WHO ARE YOU?

I DON'T WANT YOUR STALLING TO WRECK IT FOR ME.

THIS COINCIDENCE IS A FAVORABLE ONE.

FSHH

SAITŌ!

...BY SOME FREAK.

I DON'T DESERVE TO BE SPOKEN TO LIKE THAT...

EVEN BEASTS SENSE IT WITH THEIR INSTINCT.

A HUMAN BEING REALIZES WHEN THE "TIME TO LEAVE" COMES BECAUSE OF THEIR INTELLIGENCE.

...I'M GOING TO BORROW FIVE MINUTES, BATTŌSAI.

WAIT, YATSUME!

THREE MINUTES IS MORE THAN ENOUGH.

YOU WON'T NEED FIVE MINUTES.

I HAVE KILLED EVERYONE WHO DARED CALL ME A FREAK!!

BUT SOMEONE WHO BLAMES HIS DEFEAT ON THE VICTORIOUS, LOSING SIGHT OF HIS MOMENT TO LEAVE, IS EVEN LOWER THAN THAT.

YOU ARE A FREAK, INFERIOR EVEN TO A BEAST.

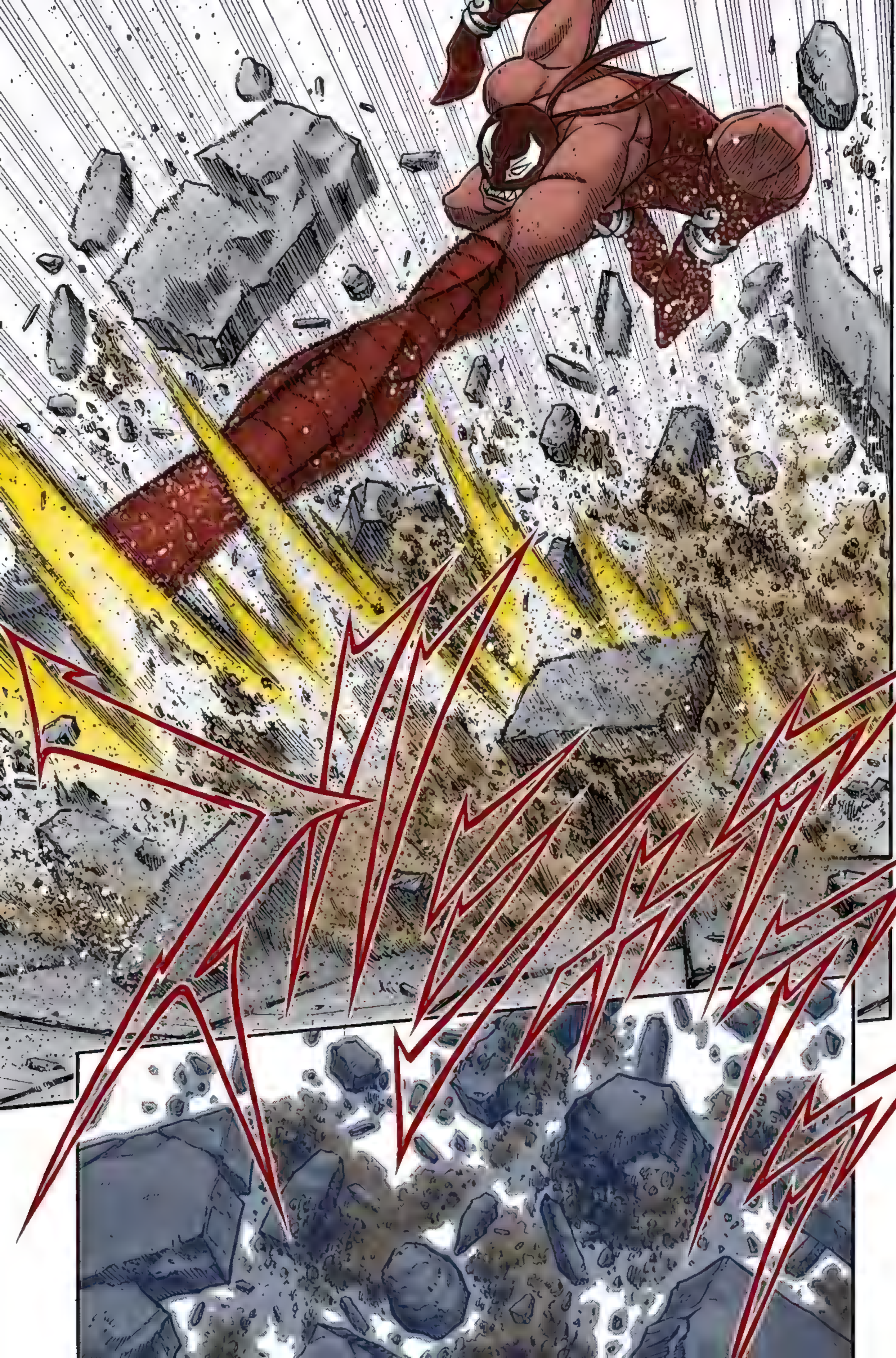
YATSUME !!

NO ONE IS ALLOWED TO CALL US FREAKS!!!

ME!

MY BODY!!!

WATCH THE POWER OF YATSUME'S "BODY SHAPING"!!!



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IT'S LIKE A TRENCH ...!

AFTER ALL HE'S SAID...

...HE'S GOING TO HELP KEN-SAN.

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WHATEVER THE REASON, KENSHIN WILL BE ABLE TO FIGHT ENISHI ONE-ON-ONE, WITHOUT LOSING ANY MORE STRENGTH.

MAYBE HE JUST WANTS TO BRAWL A BIT?

THAT'S A HUGE POSSIBILITY.

I'M NO FREAK.

I AM ABOVE HUMAN BEINGS!!

FEEL MY POWER!

AKU

THIS IS MY OWN.

...CEMENTING THEM WITH BONE POWDER...

AND THAT TONGUE?

YES, I GRADUALLY SHARPENED THEM FROM A YOUNG AGE...

THOSE FANGS...

ARE THEY ALSO FROM BODY SHAPING?

I'LL KILL YOU!!!

!

I SEE.

A FREAK THROUGH AND THROUGH.

ME?

HM...

YOU? KILL ME?

YOU UNEDUCATED FOOL!

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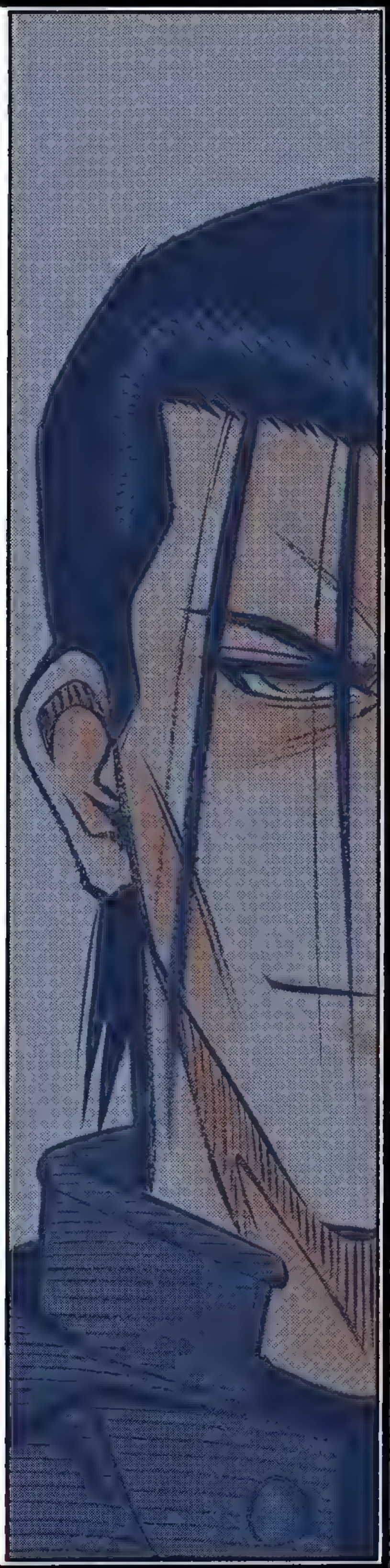
I Can't See Him Losing



I'LL KILL YOU!!

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KILL KILL!

HMPH.

I'LL KILL YOU!!

LEFT AGAINST LEFT...

HOW IRONIC.

IF YOU DON'T GIVE ME A GOOD ANSWER, I WON'T TREAT YOUR RIGHT HAND.

I DUNNO.

BUT *GATOTSU'S* MOMENTUM RIVALS THAT OF KENSHIN'S *KUZU-RYŪSEN.*

LOOKING AT THE LENGTH OF HIS ARM, THAT SPIDER MAN HAS THE ADVANTAGE.

YOU'RE USELESS.

FIFTY-FIFTY.

AND?

SHUT UP. BUT...

HUH?

SO?

I'M ASKING, WHO HAS THE ADVANTAGE ?

...AGAINST ANYONE BUT KENSHIN.

...I CAN'T SEE HIM LOSING...

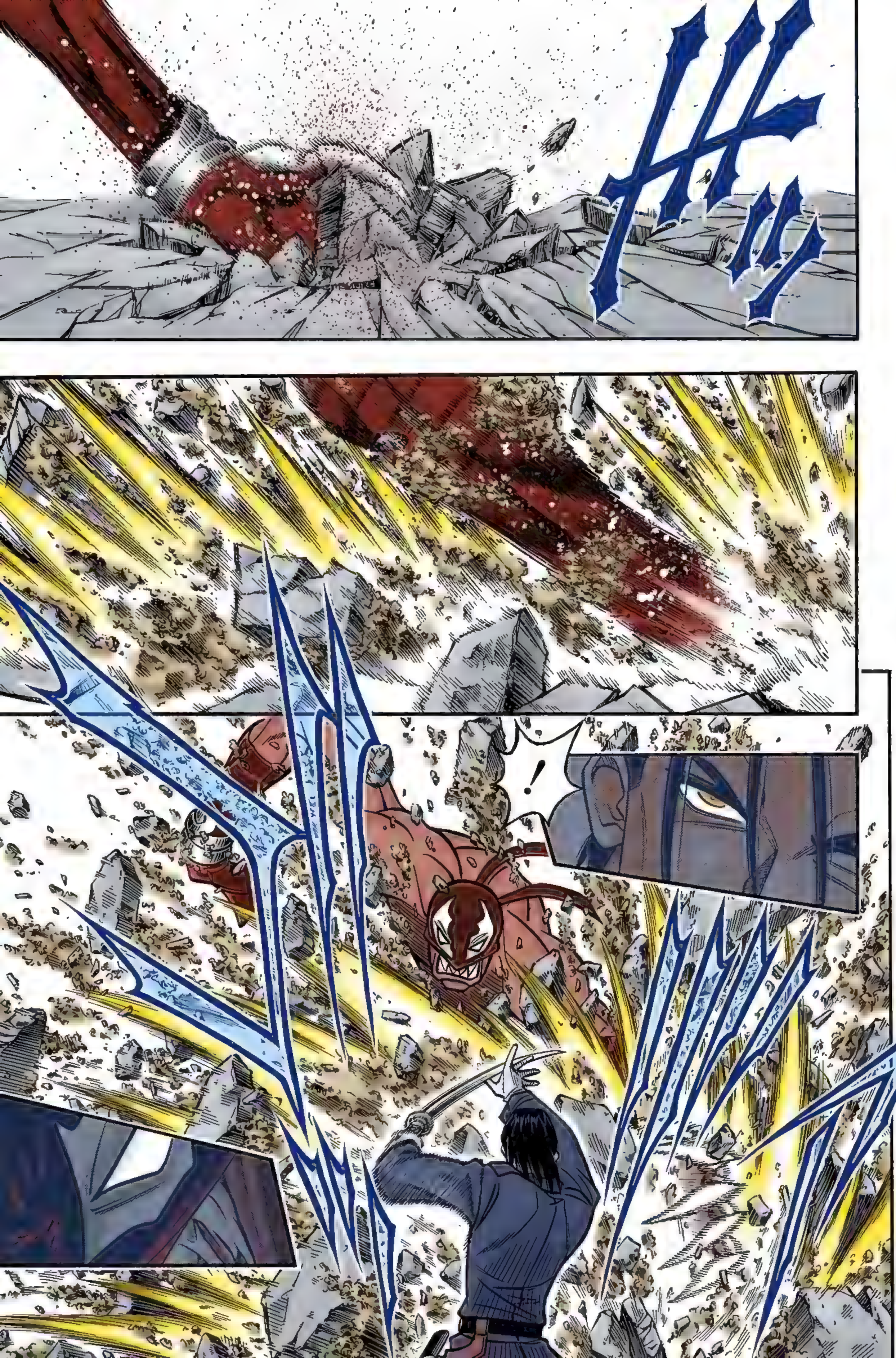
HURRY UP AND STRIKE...

...OR I'LL COME FOR YOU.

I'M SICK OF HEARING THAT.

I'LL KILL YOU!!

I'LL KILL YOU!



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THE DIRT HE THREW WITH HIS LEFT ARM JUST SLIGHTLY SLOWED THE *GATOTSU*'S MOMENTUM.

SAITŌ'S *GATOTSU* WAS PUSHED BACK...

...WAS ENOUGH TO AFFECT THE OUTCOME OF THE STRIKE.

BUT EVEN THAT SLIGHT AMOUNT...

A GOLD-MINING CLAN IS ALWAYS PROTECTED BY THE EARTH!

"EARTHEN FORTRESS"!!

AS LONG AS I HAVE THIS LEFT ARM, FORMED BY "BODY SHAPING"...

...THE EARTH AND THE SHADOWS ARE WITHIN MY GRASP!

IT IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR ANY STRIKE TO MAINTAIN ITS FULL STRENGTH WHEN IT COMES AGAINST THIS WALL OF EARTH AND THE BLOW FROM MY LEFT ARM!

I WILL MAKE YOU GREATLY REGRET RUDELY POKING YOUR NOSE INTO MY BUSINESS.

!

NOW IS MY MOMENT OF FULFILL-MENT!

IT'S ALREADY BEEN 15 YEARS SINCE I LEFT THE CLAN TO CHASE BATTŌSAI.

YOU...

...FOOL.

EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE MERELY A FREAK...

...YOU STILL NEED TO HAVE LIMITS TO YOUR STUPIDITY.

HMM.

YOU REACT TO "FREAK," BUT NOT "FOOL." PERHAPS YOU'RE SELF-CONSCIOUS ABOUT ACTUALLY BEING ONE?

YOU DARE STILL CALL ME A FREAK!?

I'M REALLY GOING TO KILL YOU NOW!!!

I TOLD YOU— I'M TIRED OF HEARING THAT.

LET'S GO.

YOU STILL PLAN TO USE THAT MOVE!?

THE RESULT WILL BE THE SAME, NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES YOU TRY IT!! THIS—

ZAAA

"EARTHEN FORTRESS" WILL NOT BE BREACHED!!

!

YOU ARE QUITE RESOURCEFUL TO IDENTIFY THIS TARGET AFTER A SINGLE EXCHANGE...

...BUT, UNFORTUNATELY FOR YOU, MY LEFT ARM MOVES FASTER AND MORE PRECISELY THAN A MACHINE.

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HAH!

SO WHAT?

THE ONE PLACE THAT IS UNPROTECTED BY THE WALL!

GATOTSU ON THE TIP OF HIS LEFT ARM!

!!

YOU'RE THE UN-FORTUNATE ONE.

MY PLAN HAS ONLY JUST BEGUN.

I JUST CAN'T SEE HIM LOSING...

...TO ANYONE BUT KENSHIN.

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GATOTSU ZEROSHIKI!!

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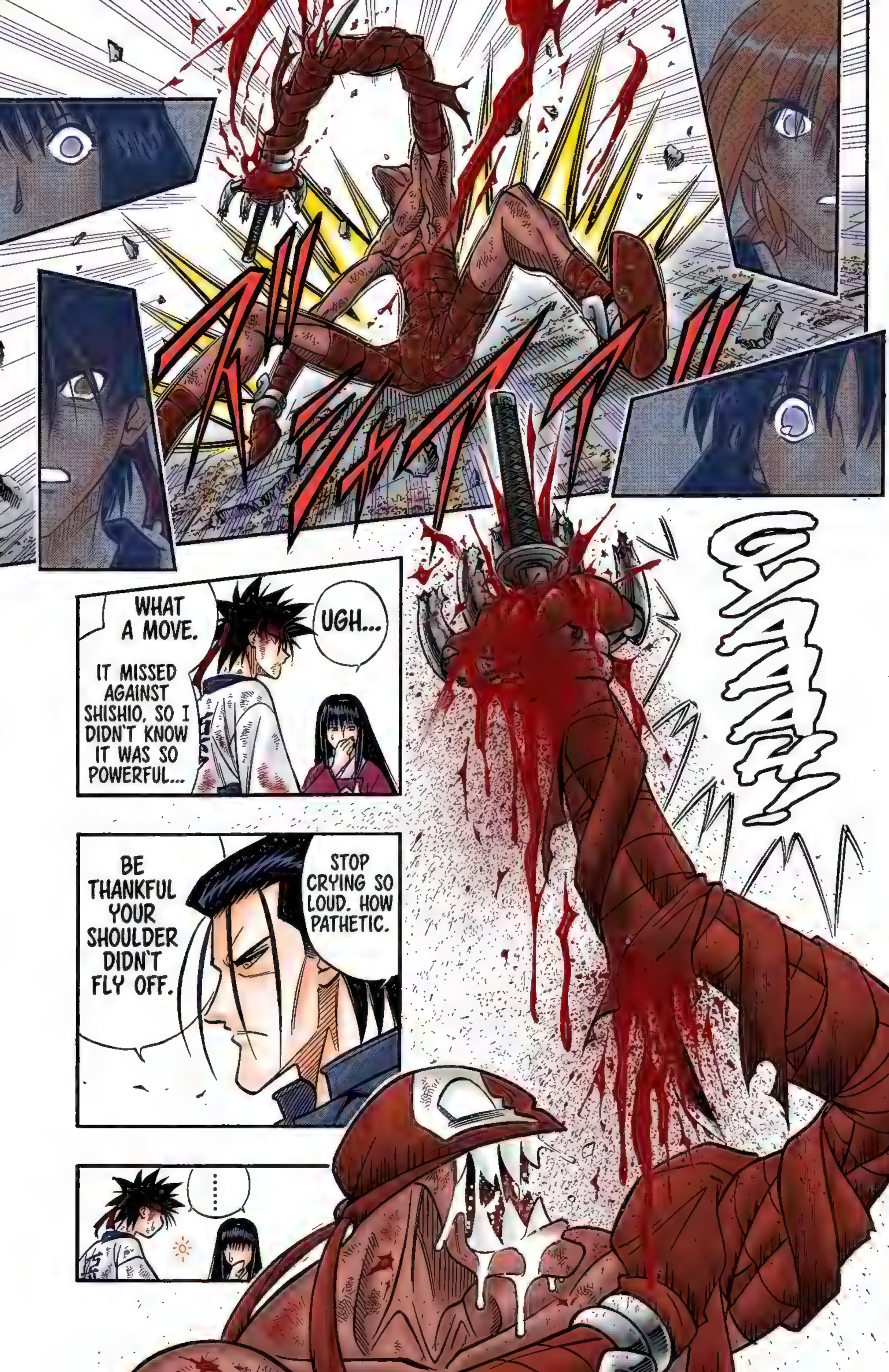
WHAT A MOVE.
IT MISSED AGAINST SHISHIO, SO I DIDN'T KNOW IT WAS SO POWERFUL...
UGH...
BE THANKFUL YOUR SHOULDER DIDN'T FLY OFF.
STOP CRYING SO LOUD. HOW PATHETIC.
.....

THE VICTOR IS CLEAR...

.....

...AGAINST A FREAK.

I HAVE NO NEED TO USE FULL STRENGTH ...

UUGH...

GUH...

AHHHH !!

OF COURSE!

YOU PLAN TO CONTINUE ?

HE PUSHED THE SWORD IN TO ACT AS A SPLINT...

WHAT?!

なっ…

I WOULD RATHER DIE THAN HEAD BACK WITHOUT FIGHTING HIM!

I HAVE LIVED THESE PAST 15 YEARS TO KILL BATTŌSAI!

...HURRY UP AND DIE.

THEN...

SHUT UP!!

!!!

...MY, MY.

...ARG, I HAVE NO CHOICE.

I DIDN'T WANT TO RESORT TO THIS, BUT...

ENISHI GAVE THESE TO ME ON OUR WAY OUT.

THESE...

YAHHHH !!

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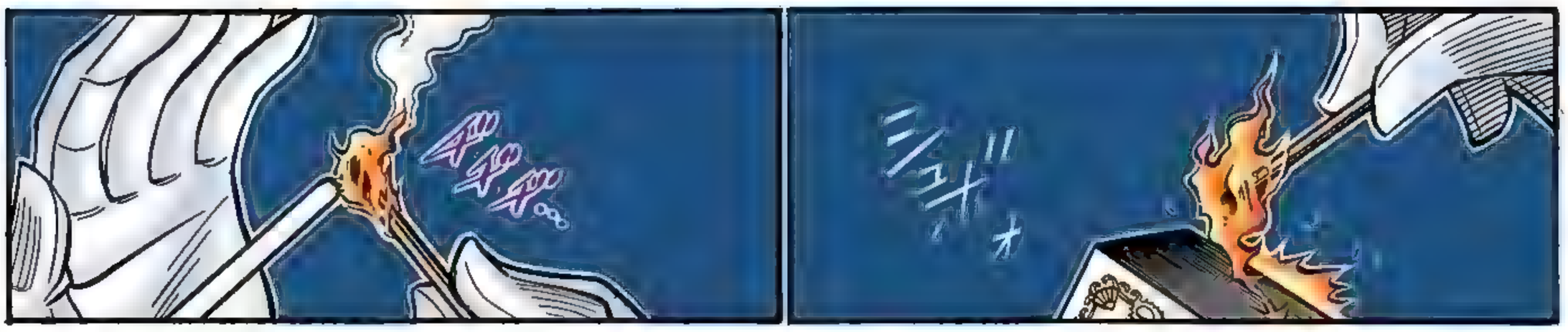
HMPH.

LET'S GO!

...HE'S GOING UNDER-GROUND!

IT MUST BE HARD WITH THAT ARM...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...WHAT COMES AFTER THE SPIDER PLAYS THE MOLE?
SO...
WHAT?
...A CONTAIN-MENT FIELD.
...BATTŌSAI.
GOOD INTUITION...

EXPLOSIVE POWDERS ARE PACKED INTO A CLAY POT, CREATING AN UNDERGROUND BOMB KNOWN IN MAINLAND CHINA SINCE THE MING DYNASTY!!

EXPLOSIVE MINES!!

JUST LIKE THIS—

h-!...!

THEY EXPLODE WHEN STEPPED ON...OR WHEN I ACTIVATE THEM.

YOUR LEGS WILL BE BLOWN OFF IF YOU MAKE A MISTAKE.

THOSE ARE FIERCE EXPLOSIONS. YOU CAN'T MAKE A CARELESS MOVE.

!

KA-BOOM

AND THE FEAR OF BEING ATTACKED FROM UNDERGROUND...?

HYA HA HA HA!

HOW'S THE FEAR OF NOT KNOWING WHERE THEY MIGHT EXPLODE?

AND THE FEAR OF NOT BEING ABLE TO MOVE EVEN A STEP?

ONE MORE PERSON WHO GOT INVOLVED IN YOUR LIFE WILL DIE...

WATCH CAREFULLY, BATTŌSAI.

DO NOT REGRET...

...THOSE WORDS.

UNFORTUN-ATELY...

...THIS ONE DOES NOT PLAN ON LETTING ANYONE WITHIN SIGHT DIE.

KENSHIN...

HERE I COME. THIS IS YOUR END.

I WILL IGNITE ALL THE BOMBS AT ONCE!

AND SIMULTAN-EOUSLY—

!

FROM ABOVE !!

THE LANDMINES WERE SIMPLY A DIVERSION! I'LL DRAW HIS ATTENTION TO THE GROUND AND FINISH HIM FROM ABOVE!

...EVEN HIGHER.

AND...

HUH?

HERE I COME !!

FOOL.

IT'S SO OBVIOUS.

GAAAH!!

!?

Hellsing

SLASH

THIS SWORD IS WORTH TOO MUCH TO LET IT RUST IN A FREAK'S BLOOD.

WHY DON'T YOU GIVE THIS BACK?

GUH...

UUH...

OH...

UGH...

DIE.

...BUT IF YOU'D RATHER BE DEAD, I'LL GRANT YOU YOUR WISH.

SOMEONE WHO LOSES SIGHT OF THE BIG PICTURE BY LIVING IN A PERSONAL BATTLE DOES NOT QUALIFY FOR MY "SWIFT DEATH TO EVIL"...

WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THIS?

AH!

AS WAS JUST STATED.

.....

THIS ONE WILL NOT LET ANYONE WITHIN SIGHT DIE.

HOW PATHETIC. TO BE SAVED BY THE TARGET OF YOUR REVENGE.

.....

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THIS WAS ORIGINALLY A PERSONAL AFFAIR BETWEEN US... A DUEL WILL ALWAYS BE ACCEPTED.

YATSUME ...

IF YOU WISH TO FIGHT THIS ONE, HEAL YOUR WOUNDS AND COME BACK.

YOU, WHO CAN COMMAND THE EARTH AT WILL...

...WOULD BE A GREAT AID TO THEM.

HOWEVER... IF IT IS POSSIBLE...

...TRAVEL NORTH TO LIVE FOR YOUR CLAN.

...UGH... OH...OH... OH...

...GUH...

.....

AH WELL. THIS FINALLY MEANS...

...THAT THE REAL DEAL IS COMING DOWN.

OH...

YES.

MEGUMI-DONO, PLEASE TEND TO HIS WOUNDS.

YOU ARE VERY PERSUASIVE, AS USUAL.

HOW DO YOU PLAN ON CONVINCING THAT SKY CAPTAIN?

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JUST AS REQUESTED...

...THE FIVE ON THE GROUND HAVE BEEN DEFEATED—

IT'S YOUR TURN NEXT!

COME DOWN, CAPTAIN IN THE SKY!!

第二百幕「宿命の私闘」

ENISHI...

...NOT EVEN THE SLIGHTEST MOVE-MENT...

HE'S UP SO HIGH...

IT WILL TAKE HIM TIME TO RELEASE ENOUGH GAS TO COME DOWN.

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The Destined Duel

NO MATTER WHAT THE OUTCOME, DON'T LIFT A FINGER.

THOSE TWO WILL BE THE ONLY ONES FIGHTING FROM HERE ON.

THIS IS A BATTLE THEY HAVE TO SETTLE.

HEY.

LET ME SAY ONE THING RIGHT NOW.

...SOMEONE WHO LOSES SIGHT OF THE BIG PICTURE BECAUSE THEY LIVE IN A PERSONAL BATTLE DOES NOT QUALIFY FOR MY "SWIFT DEATH TO EVIL."

JUST AS I SAID EARLIER...

YOU SHOULD LISTEN A LITTLE MORE TO WHAT OTHERS SAY.

MY MAIN GOAL IS TO ACQUIRE THE CUSTOMER LIST FOR YUKISHIRO ENISHI'S WEAPONS BUSINESS.

!

BESIDES, THE OBJECTIVE OF MY ASSIGNMENT IS TO WRING THE NECKS OF THOSE WHO PLAN REVOLTS, SUCH AS SHISHIO.

I ONLY MOVE FOR MY OWN JUSTICE.

I SIMPLY NEED TO KNOW HIS WHEREABOUTS, AND KEEP HIM FROM ESCAPING.

YUKISHIRO HIMSELF IS A LOW PRIORITY.

I WILL ONLY MOVE IF MY "OTHER PLAN" DOES NOT OBTAIN THE LIST.

UNTIL THEN, GO AHEAD AND HAVE YOUR DUEL, REVENGE, WHATEVER...

THAT ONLY LEAVES THE BASEMENT.

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?!

I SNUCK IN SINCE THEY WERE GONE...

...BUT IT'S NOT ON THE FIRST OR SECOND FLOOR.

THIS ISN'T IT.

BE EXCITED!

THE HEART POUNDING TRAVELING ENTERTAINER!

ITÔ MIKIO

FINALLY MAKING AN OFFICIAL PUBLIC APPEARANCE THIS SUMMER, AT THE AKAMARU JUMP!

THIS ISN'T IT EITHER.

HE'S COMING DOWN!

THIS IS FINALLY IT.

...ENISHI...

HE'S MOVING!

TOMOE
...

...TO PROTECT THE PRESENT...

FIGHT... NOW...

THE SAKABATŌ.

KAORU-DONO.

HERE...

HEY.

KENSHIN ...

...YES.

I WISH EVERYONE...

...COULD ACHIEVE HAPPINESS...

WE'VE FINALLY REACHED THE NEW ERA, AFTER MANY PAINFUL STRUGGLES.

THE NEW ERA HAS JUST BEGUN.

HEY, YOU SAY SOME-THING TOO!

YEAH, JUST ONE WORD!

HMM ?

...ANY WOUNDS YOU MAY RECEIVE!

I'LL HEAL...

GO SETTLE THIS FOR GOOD!!

ALL RIGHT !!

WELL.

GOOD LUCK WITH THAT.

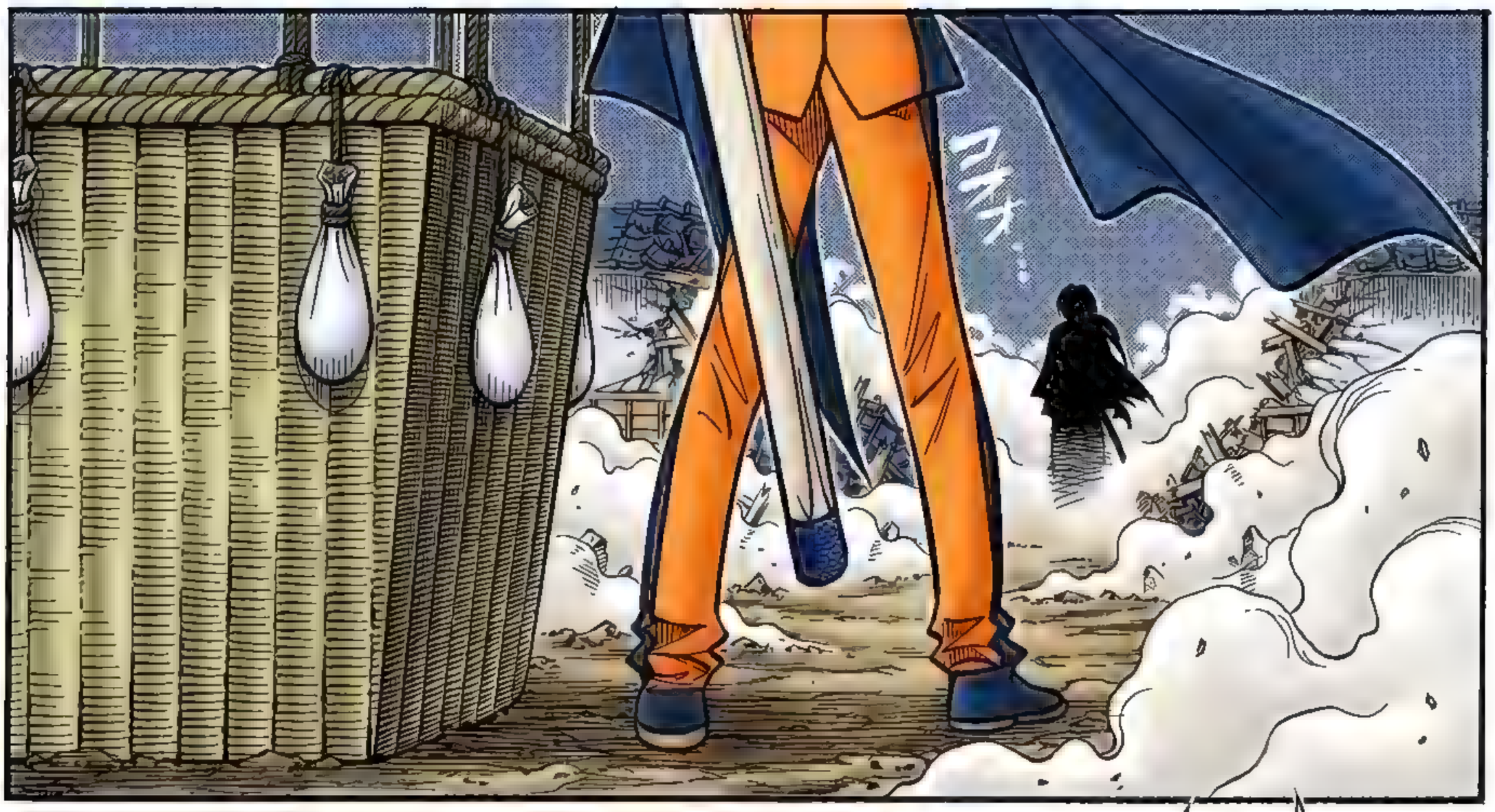
...

DON'T YOU LOSE.

I'LL SMACK YOU... IF YOU LOSE.

THERE WILL BE TRAINING AS USUAL TOMORROW...

GET SOME REST NOW.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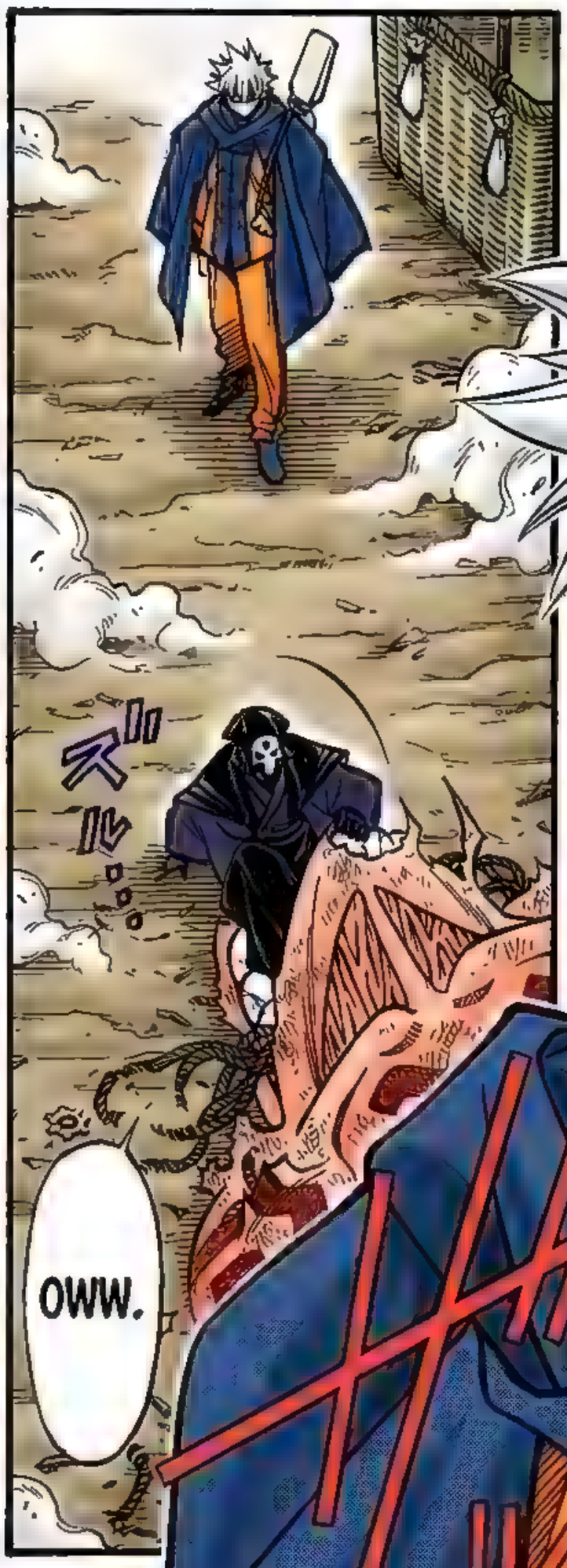
SHEESH.


ZZZZ...
OWW.

YES, IT'S QUITE SAFE INSIDE.

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

NO

YOU'RE QUITE BEAT UP.

...TO WORRY.

THERE IS NO NEED...

...ON COMPLETING THE *JINCHŪ!*

IT RELIEVES ME TO HEAR THAT.

I CAN NOW CONCEN-TRATE...

...WHAT IS...

...THIS PLACE...?

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OR A MORGUE...?

SOME SORT OF A LABORA-TORY?

.....

HUH?

THERE'S NO NEED TO HANG OUT HERE. I'LL DO A QUICK SEARCH AND HEAD OUT...

WHATEVER IT IS, THE MASTER OF THIS DOMAIN IS NOT SANE.

WHAT IS THIS?

.....

BUT THIS ONE WILL SEARCH FOR A WAY TO PAY...

...FOR THE CRIMES OF THE HITOKIRI AND THE CRIME OF TAKING TOMOE'S LIFE...

YES...

COUNT-LESS.

I'M SURE THERE'S NO NEED TO ASK...

...BUT HAVE YOU NO DOUBTS ABOUT FIGHTING?

...HAS BEEN PREPARED BY ME.

!

YOUR PENANCE...

...CRUEL FORM OF IT FOR YOU.

I CHOSE... ...THE MOST...

THEY ARE SPEAKING TOO SOFTLY. I CAN'T HEAR.

...WHAT ARE THEY SAYING?

KENSHIN...

THE PAIN FROM THE WOUND YOU SLASHED INTO MY SISTER'S BEAUTIFUL BODY...

BUT BEFORE THAT, BATTŌSAI...

I WILL HAVE YOU EXPERIENCE THE PAIN...

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NOW!

IT IS TIME TO COMPLETE THE *JINCHŪ!*

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第二百一幕「もう一つの力」

I TOLD YOU ON THE BRIDGE AT DAWN...

ハッサマ!!!

...WHEN WE SAW EACH OTHER FOR THE FIRST TIME IN TEN YEARS...

I WOULD SHOW YOU ANOTHER STRENGTH, DIFFERENT FROM THE STRENGTH OF THE MAFIA...

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OBSERVE.

AS PROMISED.

第二百一幕「もう一つの力」

IT MUST HAVE ARRIVED FROM THE CONTINENT, FROM CHINA?

IT'S QUITE LONG. WHAT KIND OF SWORD IS IT?

NO...

WHAT?

THE FINISH IS FROM THE CONTINENT ...

...BUT THAT BLADE IS DEFINITELY...

...A JAPANESE SWORD?!

!

CORRECT.

IT IS THE *TACHI*, COMMON UP TO THE WARRING STATES ERA.

IT IS A JAPANESE SWORD, BUT LOOKING AT THE LENGTH, IT'S NOT THE *UCHIGATANA*, THE MOST COMMON SWORD SINCE THE EDO PERIOD.

WHAT'S IMPORTANT IS TO HAVE THE STRENGTH TO BE ABLE TO CRUSH AN ENEMY, WHATEVER THEIR ABILITY.

IT IS THE NORM IN BATTLE TO NOT KNOW THE ENEMY'S ABILITY.

BUT LOOKING AT THE FINE CRAFTSMANSHIP OF THE BLADE, I DON'T THINK IT'S A BLUFF.

QUIT PANICKING. IT'S ANNOYING.

IT COULD JUST BE A BLUFF.

THE OTHER FIVE HAVE ALL BEEN DUBIOUS CHARAC-TERS.

WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?

UNLESS HE IS ABOVE SHISHIO'S LEVEL...

TRUE...

...KENSHIN WILL NEVER LOSE.

KENSHIN—

.....

NOW, SHALL WE BEGIN?

IT'S DANGEROUS FOR YOUR EYES.

YOU SHOULD TAKE OFF...

...YOUR GLASSES.

Tch...

I WON'T ALLOW YOU TO LAND EVEN ONE BLOW.

DON'T WORRY.

BEGIN
!!

HAAAAAA !!

AAHHHH !!

ZAKI

HA!!

...HE'S NOT BAD...

YES...HE KNOWS HOW TO USE HIS MUSCULATURE AND THE WEIGHT OF HIS SWORD... ...TO PUSH THE SPEED AND THE IMPACT TO THE LIMIT.

THAT MAN... ...IS A MASTER SWORDSMAN.

HIS SWORD-ENERGY IS NOT INFERIOR TO KENSHIN'S.

HE HAS POTENTIAL. HE HAS THE TRAINING.

...HE'S NOWHERE NEAR SHISHIO.

AT THAT LEVEL...

SO WHAT IF HE IS?

DO I NEED TO MENTION THAT KENSHIN IS THE GRAND-MASTER?

...BUT THAT'S IT.

...WITH THAT.

I AGREE ...

BUT IF HE DIDN'T TRAVEL TO THE CONTINENT...

...IF HE LEARNED "KENJUTSU" HERE—

...REVEAL SOME OF YOUR HITEN MOVES?

WHY DON'T YOU...

OR DO YOU...

...NEED ME TO SHOW YOU SOME OF MINE?

!

ARE YOU JUST GAUGING ME?

HOW HALF-HEARTED.

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HERE'S ONE!

THEN...

!

WHAT!?

倭刀術

ワトウジュツ

WATŌJUTSU!

SHŪGEKI TŌSEI (KICKING SWORD RUSH)!!

襲撃刀勢!!

シュウゲキトウセイ

THE NEW KENJUTSU, PERFECTED IN THE CONTINENT WITH THE TACHI BROUGHT OVER FROM JAPAN IN THE ANCIENT DAYS...

"WATŌ-JUTSU"

HE'S... ACQUIRED A FORM OF "KENJUTSU" ALL RIGHT!!

HE DOUBLED THE FORCE OF HIS SWORD SWING BY ADDING THE KICK!

I'VE NEVER HEARD OF ANYTHING LIKE THAT...

BUT "WATŌ-JUTSU"...

THE STRENGTH THAT LET ME CLIMB TO THE TOP FROM ABSOLUTE ZERO...

THIS IS THE POWER I GAINED OVER TEN YEARS...

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第二百二幕「昔語り」

THE MING CALLED THEM *WAKŌ*—JAPANESE INVADERS—AND FOUGHT BACK. HOWEVER, THE MING ARMY WAS HARD PRESSED BY THE MASSIVE POWER OF THE JAPANESE SWORD IN CLOSE COMBAT.

FROM THE 13TH TO THE 18TH CENTURY, PIRATES ROAMED THE SEA OF JAPAN, EVENTUALLY CROSSING IT AND APPEARING ON THE SHORES OF THE CONTINENT.

HE COLLECTED THE KNOWLEDGE INTO A BOOK CALLED *TANTŌ HŌSEN*—THE WAY OF THE SHORT SWORD—AND CIRCULATED IT THROUGH THE CHINESE ARMY.

TEI SŌYŪ, A GENERAL WHO WAS ONCE A SHAOLIN MONK, FOCUSED ON RESEARCHING THESE SWORDS AND THEIR KENJUTSU.

...LEADING NOT ONLY TO THE IMPORTING BUT ALSO PRODUCTION OF THE SWORDS ON THEIR OWN.

ANOTHER GENERAL, SEKI KEIKŌ, WAS THE FIRST TO EQUIP HIS UNITS WITH JAPANESE SWORDS. IN THE LATER YEARS OF MING, JAPANESE SWORDS BECAME THE OFFICIAL EQUIPMENT OF THE ARMY...

RESOURCES: *CHUGOKU BUJUTSUSHI DAIKAN* BY SASAO KYŌJI. PUBLISHED BY FUKUSHŌDŌ.

第二百二幕「昔語り」

...AND THE NEW CONTINENTAL KENJUTSU TO COMMAND IT, "WATŌJUTSU"!!

RELEASED FROM THE CONFINES OF JAPAN, THE CONTINENT PRODUCED A NEW JAPANESE SWORD, "WATŌ"...

...JUTSU.

WATŌ...

...THE SPEED AND SHARPNESS OF THE JAPANESE BLADE AND THE POWER AND GRACE OF THE CONTINENT...

A KENJUTSU CREATED BY THE FUSION OF...

HEH HEH.

IT'S A LITTLE MORE COMPLICATED THAN THAT.

WHY DON'T YOU COME AT ME WITH YOUR HITEN SWORD?

PLAYTIME IS OVER.

BEFORE THAT...

ONE MISTAKE WILL LEAD TO BLINDNESS.

YOU REALLY SHOULD TAKE OFF YOUR GLASSES.

IT MUST BE. THAT SORT OF "POWER" ISN'T ENOUGH TO PUT HIM AT THE TOP OF AN ORGANIZATION.

BE-SIDES...

...HOW'D A GRAY-HAIRED KID ACQUIRE KENJUTSU LIKE THAT?

...OVER-ESTIMATING YOURSELF?

DO YOU SAY THAT BECAUSE YOU'RE UNDER-ESTIMATING ME? OR ARE YOU...

NEITHER.

THIS ONE IS FIGHTING, NOT TO HARM YOU...

...BUT TO STOP YOU.

!...

FINE THEN. UNTIL YOU GET SERIOUS...

!

...I'LL ENTERTAIN MYSELF WITH A LITTLE STORY.

...IT SEEMS TO TAKE A LONG TIME FOR YOU TO COME FULLY AFLAME.

NOT ONLY ARE YOU HARD TO IGNITE, BUT ONCE THE SPARK CATCHES...

LET'S GO!!

GUH!

ONCE UPON A TIME—

...THERE WAS A KID WHOSE BIG SISTER WAS KILLED BY A HITOKIRI.

THE POOR CHILD, ALONE IN THE WORLD, CAME TO HATE JAPAN AND CROSSED THE SEA TO SHANGHAI.

HOWEVER, SHANGHAI IS THE EVIL CAPITAL OF THE EAST. IT'S DIFFICULT FOR A WEAKLING TO SURVIVE, AND THE CHILD BECAME SKIN AND BONES WITHIN A MONTH.

YOU AREN'T FIGHTING SERIOUSLY YET, RIGHT? SO JUST RELAX AND LISTEN.

IT'S JUST TO KEEP MYSELF BUSY.

NO MORE OF THAT STORY.

DO NOT SPEAK.

HEY, THEY'RE TALKING ABOUT SOMETHING AGAIN.

CAN YOU HEAR WHAT IT IS?

YES...

NOW THAT THE DIRECTION OF THE WIND HAS CHANGED.

IT SOUNDS LIKE...

...A TALE FROM THE PAST.

FINALLY, THE CHILD COULD NOT KEEP GOING.

STARVATION AND EXHAUSTION, SICKNESS AND WOUNDS...

"A JAPANESE CHILD, HERE...? BRING SOME MEDICINE, NOW!"

"HEY, ARE YOU OKAY!?"

THEN—

TO PUT IT SIMPLY, THEY WERE INTEL-LECTUALS.

THE COUPLE WAS JAPANESE, RESIDING IN SHANGHAI IN ORDER TO RESEARCH THE LITERATURE OF THE CONTINENT.

"...YOU DON'T HAVE TO TELL US IF YOU DON'T WANT TO."

" "
...

"WE'RE BOTH JAPANESE, MAKE YOURSELF AT HOME."

"I DON'T KNOW WHAT HAPPENED, BUT GET SOME REST NOW."

THE CHILD HELD ONTO HIS LIFE.

NUTRITIOUS MEALS AND DEVOTED MEDICAL CARE...

IT WOULD BE HARD FOR A CHILD TO SURVIVE ALONE IN SHANGHAI.

I SEE, THE COUPLE BECAME HIS GUARDIANS IN SHANGHAI.

...THANKED THE GODS...

THE CHILD, IN AN UNFAMILIAR ACT...

FOR GRANTING HIM SUCH FOOLISH PREY.

.....

HE'S ROTTEN TO THE CORE!

HOW COULD YOU...?

"NOW I WON'T HAVE ANY MONEY PROBLEMS FOR A WHILE."

"...IS A POWERFUL WEAPON."

"WHAT I NEED NOW..."

IT'S SELF-TAUGHT, SO THERE'S A UNIQUE PERSONAL TWIST TO IT...

...BUT BY THE TIME HE FINISHED GROWING, HE WAS SECOND TO NONE AS A PRACTITIONER OF WATŌ-JUTSU.

A STRONG POWER—

!

...WHY DID THE CHILD MASSACRE THEM?

NOW, HERE IS THE QUESTION— STEALING FROM THE FAMILY WOULD HAVE BEEN ENOUGH...

...ENOUGH...

ANSWER 1— THE FAMILY RESISTED.

ANSWER 2— THE CHILD WAS A PSYCHOPATH.

THIS WAS HOW THE CHILD AND WATŌJUTSU MET.

...THE SIGHT OF A FAMILY LIVING IN HAPPINESS WAS UNBEARABLE.

ANSWER 3— FOR THE CHILD, WHOSE SISTER WAS KILLED BY A MERCILESS HITOKIRI, DESTROYING HIS HAPPI-NESS...

THE CORRECT ANSWER...

...IS, WITHOUT DEBATE, NUMBER THREE.

STOP TALKING.

ENISHI!

HITEN MITSURUGI-RYŪ!

飛天御剣流

RYŪKANSEN (DRAGON-SPIRAL STRIKE)!!

閃龍巻!!!

BUT A FLAME OF THAT SIZE IS EASILY BLOWN BACK BY THE WIND FROM THE CONTINENT—

YOUR FLAME IS GROWING.

...YOU!!

...BURNING...

倭刀術
ワトウジュツ
WATŌJUTSU!
回転刀刺勢!!!
カイテントウシセイ
KAISHI TŌSEI (SPIRAL PIERCE SWORD RUSH)!!!

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THAT MOVE IS MOST USEFUL AS A COUNTER ATTACK.

YOU USED IT AS AN INITIAL ATTACK, AND GOT IT COUNTERED.

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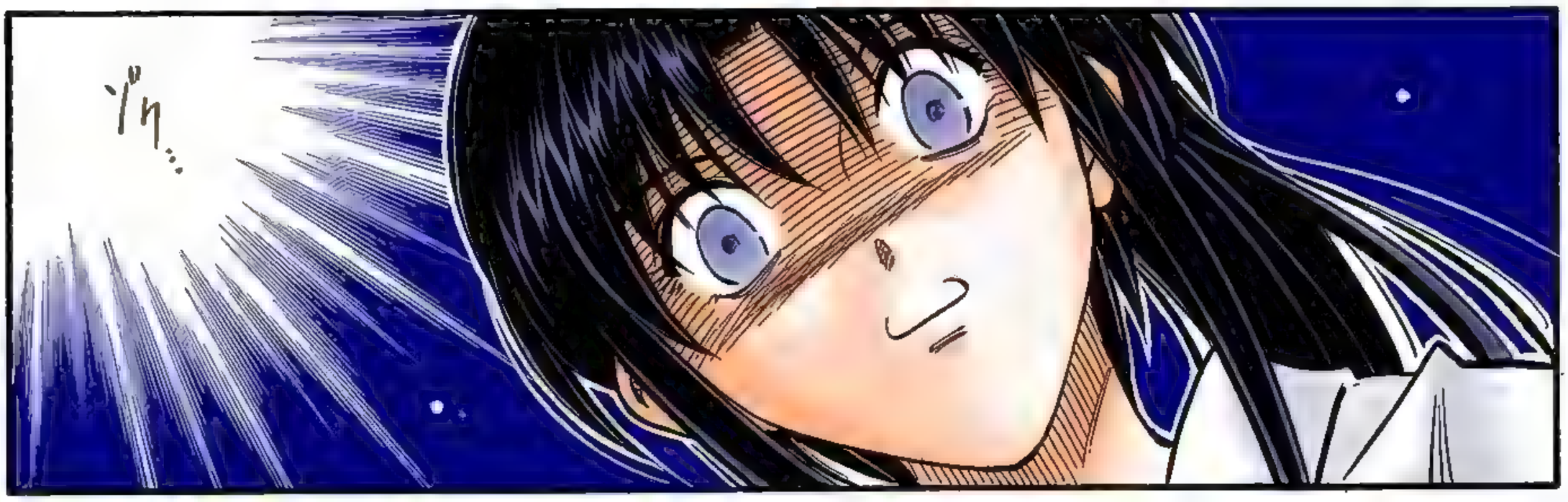
FOOL.

KEN-SAN!

KENSHIN!

KENSHIN!!


...FOUND AN "AFTER," AND WAS LIVING HAPPILY.
THE HITOKIRI HAD CHANGED HIS NAME...
AFTER TEN YEARS...
...THE CHILD FINALLY FOUND THE HITOKIRI WHO KILLED HIS SISTER.
...COULD NOT BEAR THIS.
THE YOUNG MAN...

THIS IS A PERSONAL BATTLE BETWEEN THIS ONE AND YOU... THERE IS NO NEED TO INVOLVE ANYONE ELSE...

YOU WILL BE STOPPED HERE.

IT'S THE REAL DEAL STARTING NOW.

FINE. THE CHITCHAT IS OVER.

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第二百三幕

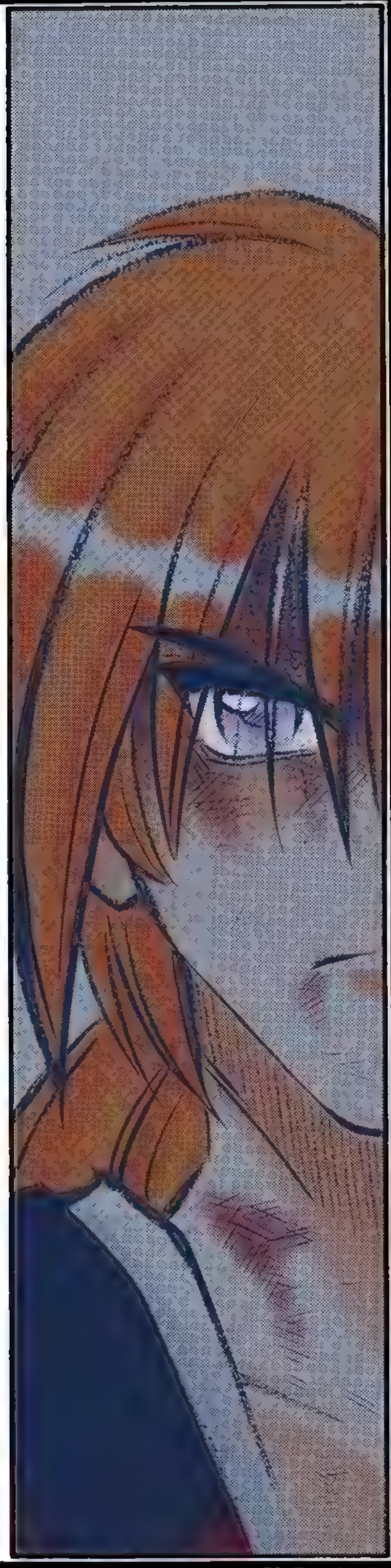
「この十五年に及ぶ死闘に純然たる決着を」

...IT IS FINALLY...

...TIME...

Act 203

A Pure and Simple End to a 15-Year Duel



GET AWAY WHILE YOU CAN.

WE DON'T NEED ANY MORE PROBLEMS THAN WE ALREADY HAVE.

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HEY.

...THINGS COULD GET QUITE COMPLICATED.

IF YOU STAY HERE...

...I UNDER-STAND.

THOSE EYES...WERE NOT ONLY SEEING AN ENEMY.

YOU ARE REFERRING TO YUKISHIRO ENISHI'S EYES.

I CAN'T DESCRIBE IT WELL... BUT IT'S BEYOND THAT—

IF THE SITUATION GETS TOUGH, HE WILL MERCILESSLY TARGET THAT WEAKNESS.

YOU ARE "HIMURA KENSHIN'S" GREATEST WEAKNESS.

EVEN IF YOU CANNOT DESCRIBE IT, YOU SHOULD UNDERSTAND IF YOU'VE SENSED IT.

...I CAN'T MOVE RIGHT NOW.

...YES, BUT...

THEN, HE WILL TAKE SOME SORT OF ACTION...

FROM THIS POSITION, YUKISHIRO ENISHI WILL NOTICE ME MOVING BEFORE KENSHIN DOES.

...I CAN'T DO ANYTHING TO INFLUENCE IT, EVEN OUT OF SELF-PRESERVATION.

SO... ...NOW THAT KENSHIN HAS DECIDED TO FIGHT SERIOUSLY...

THIS IS A DUEL KENSHIN CANNOT AVOID...

...NO MATTER HOW PAINFUL A STRUGGLE IT IS.

NOW IS THE TIME FOR A PURE AND SIMPLE END TO A 15-YEAR DUEL.

OF COURSE KENSHIN, AND EVEN YUKISHIRO ENISHI, MUST FEEL THE SAME WAY...

YOU ARE ABOUT HALF AN ENEMY TO KENSHIN.

MORE THAN HALF. GET IT RIGHT.

I KNOW.

JUST TO LET YOU KNOW, I WON'T LEND A HAND IF ANYTHING HAPPENS.

HEY.

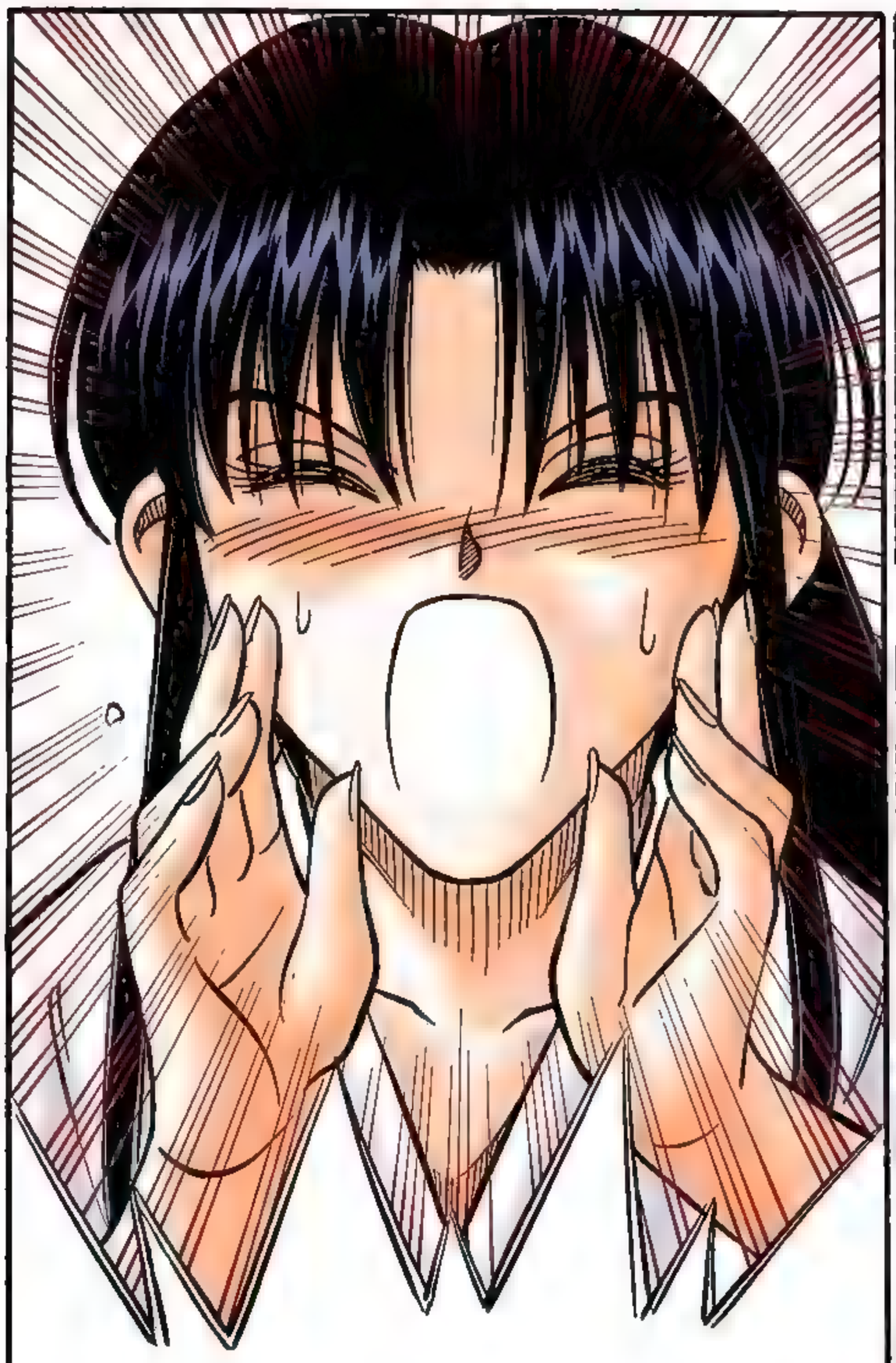
IF YOU HAVE TIME TO BE ZONING OUT, GIVE HIM A CHEER OR TWO.

HUH...

UH...

YOU'RE THE ONE WHO NEEDS TO BE WATCHING THE MOST!

WHAT ARE YOU TWO MUMBLING ABOUT BACK THERE?



SOMETHING AS LITTLE AS THAT WON'T MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

I DON'T THINK IT MATTERS.

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DON'T LOOK AT ME, FOOL.

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YELL SOMETHING TO GET THINGS STARTED.

IF WE LEAVE THEM ALONE THEY'LL JUST KEEP STARING AT EACH OTHER FOR A WHILE.

GO FOR IT KENSHIN!!

THEN…

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STILL NOT ENOUGH. YOU CAN'T BE SERIOUS, NOT WITH THIS LOW LEVEL OF ACTIVITY...

WHY DON'T YOU FIRE OFF A HITEN MOVE OR TWO, TO TEST IT OUT?

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WATŌJUTSU !!

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HE'S COMING!

SHŌHA TŌSEI (DESTRUCTIVE PALM SWORD RUSH)!

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THAT'S IT. THE MID-FLIGHT MOVE WORTHY OF THE NAME OF HITEN!

飛天御剣流 龍槌閃!!

HITEN MITSURUGI-RYŪ!

RYŪTSUISEN (DRAGON-HAMMER STRIKE)!

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HOW I'VE WANTED TO DEFEAT THIS...

KENSHIN !!

WATŌJUTSU!

HA!!

CHŌTEN TŌSEI (MORNING SKY SWORD RUSH)!!!

優刀術

朝天刀勢!!!

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!?

THE HOT AIR BALLOON KUJIRANAMI ABANDONED ...

IF YOUR SKILL LEVEL IS INSUFFICIENT TO DETERMINE WHEN YOUR OPPONENT IS SERIOUS...

...THEN THIS DUEL IS OVER RIGHT NOW.

HITEN

飛天(ひてん)

MITSURUGI-RYŪ!

御剣(みつるぎ)流(りゅう)!!

九頭龍閃

くずりゅうせん

KUZU-RYŪSEN (NINE-HEADED DRAGON)!!

HE DID IT!

ALL NINE STRIKES STRUCK HIM PRECISE-LY.

THE TIDE HAS TURNED ...

...IN AN INSTANT.

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……

NO, THOSE WOUNDS...IT MUST HAVE HAD SOME EFFECT.

BUT HE ISN'T FEELING ANY PAIN.

...IT DIDN'T DO ANYTHING...

IT SEEMS LIKE HE WAS... ALREADY IN THE STATE...

...OF MIND OVER BODY, EVEN BEFORE THE FIGHT STARTED.

IF YOU WERE UTTERLY WEAK...

THAT WOULD MAKE ME A LESS-THAN-NOTHING WEAKLING WHO COULDN'T PROTECT HIS SISTER FROM YOU.

HEH HEH HEH.

I AM HAPPY, BATTŌSAI...I WANTED YOU TO HAVE THIS DEGREE OF POWER...

...HIDDEN WITHIN YOURSELF.

...KENSHIN WILL HAVE TO USE THE MOVE THAT WILL RENDER HIM COMPLETELY IMMOBILE.

IN ORDER TO STOP THAT MAN WITHOUT KILLING HIM—

THE SECRET MOVE, *AMAKAKERU RYŪ NO HIRAMEKI.*

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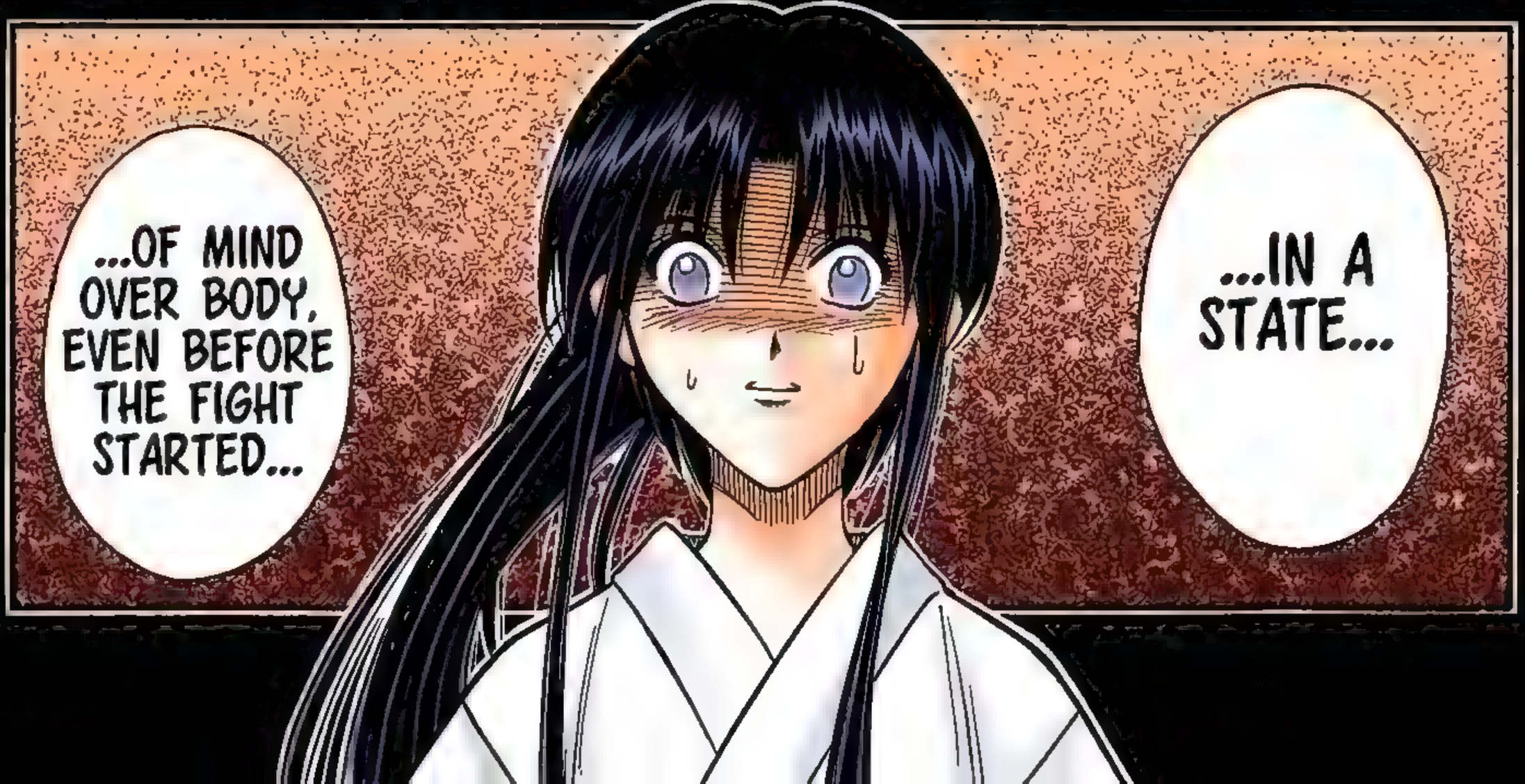
Act 204
Sin, Judgment, Acceptance



IF THIS TURNS INTO A BLOW-BY-BLOW FIGHT, WITH THAT OPPONENT...

...THE DUEL WILL EVENTUALLY BECOME A DEATH MATCH.

THEN IN ORDER TO DEFEAT YUKISHIRO ENISHI...

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DEATH TO THE DEFEATED.

LIFE TO THE VICTOR.

THE OUTCOME OF THE DUEL WILL DETERMINE THE OUTCOME OF LIFE AND DEATH.

THEN...

DARN IT...IF KENSHIN AGREED WITH THAT KIND OF DEADLY OUTCOME, HE WOULDN'T BE FIGHTING SO HARD TO AVOID IT!

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...THERE IS ONLY ONE METHOD...

NOW...

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AT LEAST I NOW KNOW THAT YOU POSSESS POWERS WORTHY OF AN OPPONENT.

I STILL HAVE TO PERFORM THE COMPLETION OF THE *JINCHŪ*.

...PUT AN END TO THIS.

NOW LET'S...

THE SECRET OF HITEN MITSURŪGI-RYU!

UNLEASH IT!

THE MOVE YOU USED TO DESTROY GEIN'S *KARAKURI* SUIT.

AMAKAKERU RYŪ NO HIRAMEKI!!

!

YOUR FEELINGS FOR TOMOE ARE NOT WRONG...

YOUR GRUDGE AGAINST THIS ONE IS ALSO NOT WRONG...

FORGIVE THIS ONE...

ENISHI.

BUT THE WAY YOU'VE LIVED THE LAST 15 YEARS...

...IS DEFINITELY WRONG.

...CUT IT AWAY.

THIS ONE WILL NOW...

BATTŌSAI
!!

...SAI
...

IT'S ABOUT TIME...

...TO PREPARE FOR THE COMPLETION OF *JINCHŪ!*

NOW...

THAT UNUSUAL STANCE...

HE CHALLENGED THE SECRET MOVE, AND NOW MUST INTEND TO STRIKE BACK WITH SOMETHING JUST AS POWERFUL.

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KENSHIN HAS THE UTMOST CONFIDENCE IN IT.

THAT'S WHY HE WOULD USE IT AT THIS MOMENT—

IT'S ALL THE SAME. *AMAKAKERU RYŪ NO HIRAMEKI* KNOWS NO DEFEAT. IT HAS BROUGHT DOWN THE MOST POWERFUL OF FOES UP TO NOW.

A...ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?! YOU'RE PALE BLUE ALL THE WAY TO YOUR LIPS!!

!

BUT...

BUT...

.....

.....

THAT MAN, EVEN AFTER SEEING KEN-SAN'S ABILITIES FIRST HAND, HASN'T LOST ONE BIT OF CONFIDENCE IN HIS VICTORY—

BUT...

I DON'T BELIEVE THAT HE'S STRONGER THAN SHISHIO...BUT THE MAN STANDING IN FRONT OF KENSHIN GIVES OFF A DIFFERENT ENERGY THAN SHISHIO—

BUT KENSHIN POSSESSES THE CONSCIOUSNESS OF "SIN," FOR HAVING TAKEN TOMOE'S LIFE—

WHAT YUKISHIRO ENISHI IS GIVING OFF IS PROBABLY THE CONSCIOUSNESS OF "JUDGMENT," TRYING TO TAKE REVENGE...

...THIS BATTLE SHOULD COME AFTER FINDING THE ANSWER—

KENSHIN SAYS HE WILL FIND THE ANSWER BEYOND THIS BATTLE, BUT MAYBE...

SIS...

HUH?

...SIS.

BATTŌSAI, IN YOUR MIND, IS MY SISTER...

...SMILING ON YOU?

AS LONG AS MY SISTER SMILES AT ME...

...I WILL BE STRONGER THAN ANYONE— THAN ANYTHING.

SHE IS NOT SMILING RIGHT NOW...

BUT...

...LET'S GO...

THIS ONE BELIEVES SHE WILL SMILE UPON HIM WHEN THIS BATTLE ENDS...

HITEN MITSURUGI-RYŪ FINAL MOVE!!

飛天御剣流 奥義!!

AMAKAKERU RYŪ NO HIRAMEKI!!!!

天翔龍閃

倭刀術 絶技!!

WATŌJUTSU LETHAL MOVE!!

絶虎一刀勢

KOFUKU ZETTŌSEI (CROUCHING TIGER SEVERING SWORD RUSH)!!!

NO, IT STARTS NOW.

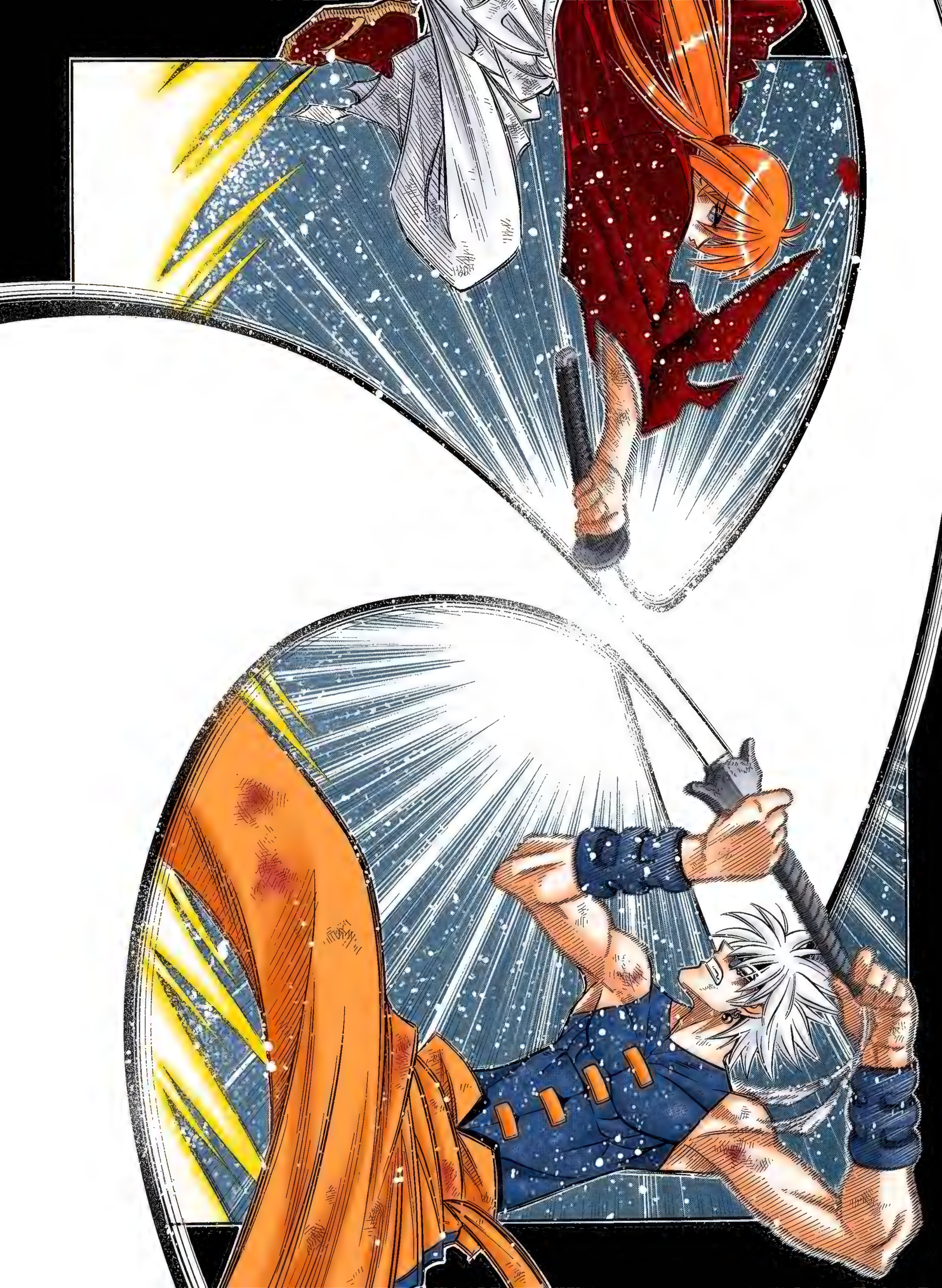
HE DODGED IT!

THE ULTIMATE SECOND STRIKE!

HE'S GOING TO GET KILLED!!

AAAAAH !!!

HAAAAAAHH !!!



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第三百五幕「人誅真意」

WATŌJUTSU LETHAL MOVE!!

倭刀術絶技

絶鬼刀伏

KOFUKU ZETTŌSEI!!!

征矛!!!

HITEN MITSURUGI-RYŪ FINAL—

飛天御剣流奥義

天翔龍閃

AMAKAKERU RYŪ NO HIRAMEKI!!

閃!!!

第二百五幕「人誅真意（じんちゅうしんい）」

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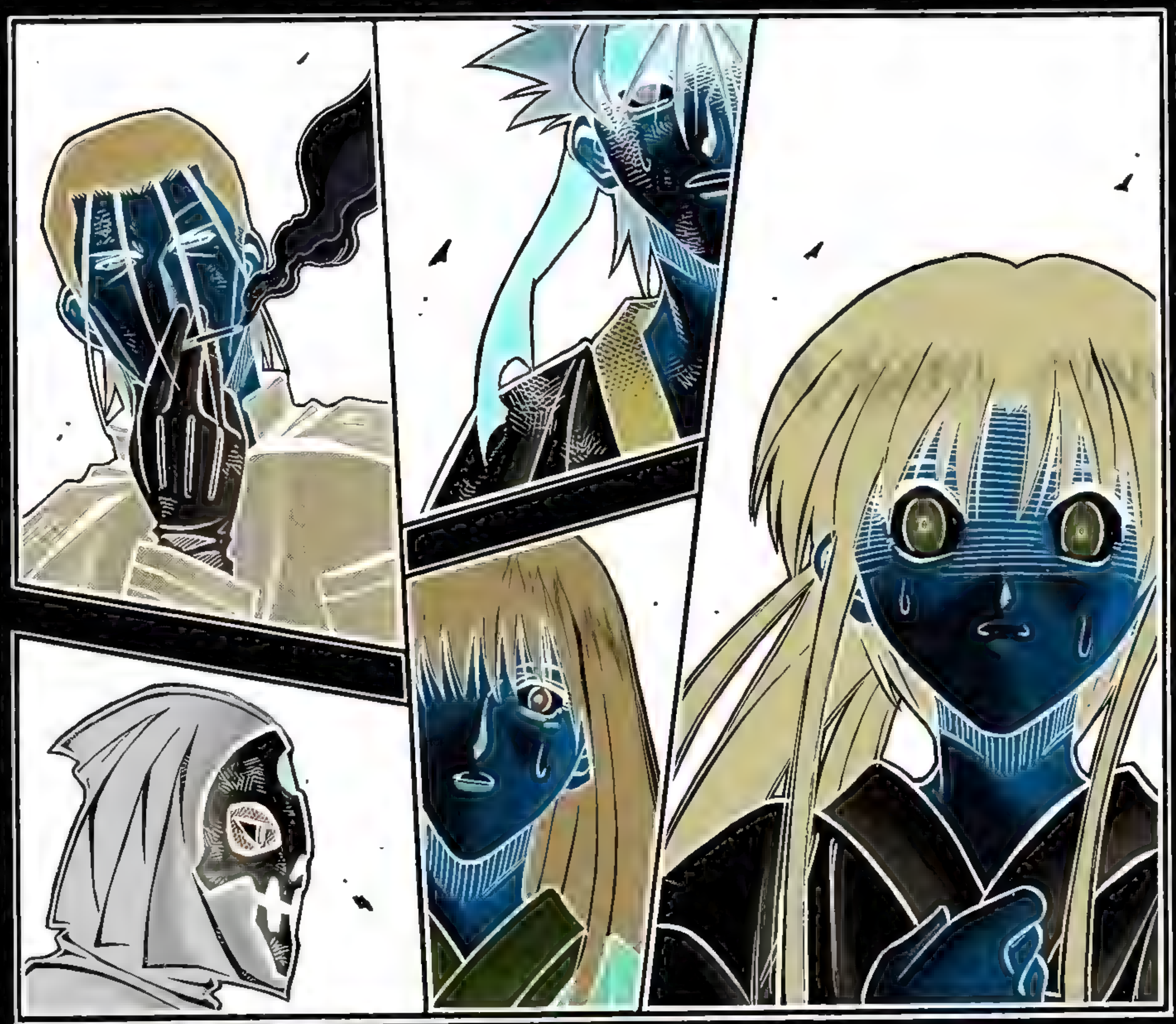

SLASH

GAH!?

...IF I HAD BEEN AN INSTANT SLOWER, THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN A DRAW...

IT WAS CLOSER THAN I THOUGHT...

I APPRECIATE IT, GEIN-SAN. SEEING IT ONCE WAS EFFECTIVE.

YOU'RE WELCOME.

I AM ALSO SOMEWHAT SATISFIED.

WHY DIDN'T THE VACUUM CREATED BY THE FIRST STRIKE AFFECT HIM?!

WHY WAS HIS SWORD FASTER THAN *AMAKAKERU RYŪ NO HIRAMEKI*?!

WHY...

THAT BATTLE STANCE, CROUCHED DOWN TO THE EARTH...THAT ALLOWS HIM TO MAINTAIN HIS OFFENSIVE STANCE BY USING THE SUPPORT FROM THE EARTH TO BEAR THE "SHOCKWAVE" CREATED BY *AMAKAKERU RYŪ NO HIRAMEKI'S* FIRST STRIKE.

AND BY USING THE "SUCKING VACUUM" AS A COUNTER METHOD, HE IS ABLE TO DRIVE IN HIS OWN SEMI-CIRCLE STRIKE SOONER THAN THE FULL CIRCLE OF THE SECOND STRIKE.

FOOL.

IT DID AFFECT HIM...

...CAN'T REACH THE CROUCHING TIGER.

EVEN THE TALONS OF A DRAGON IN FLIGHT...

YOU'RE GOOD.

YOU DETERMINED ALL THAT IN AN INSTANT.

BUT...

...IT'S ACTUALLY MUCH SIMPLER THAN THAT.

THE IMPORTANT PART IS THAT MY SISTER...

...SMILED ON ME.

UH...

...GUH...

SO I MERELY RENDERED YOU IMMOBILE.

IT WOULD DEFEAT THE PURPOSE TO FINISH YOU OFF HERE.

ビチャ…

HOW'S THAT, BATTŌSAI …

DOES THE WOUND YOU GAVE MY SISTER HURT?

BUT SIS MUST HAVE HURT MORE.

…THE PREPARA-TIONS ARE DONE.

NOW…

I AM BEGINNING …

…THE TRUE JINCHŪ!

Kenshin

SMOKE !?

!

KENSHIN!

...UN-NECESSARY INTERRUP-TIONS.

THIS WILL PREVENT...

DO NOT WORRY. UNLIKE OTOWA'S, IT DOESN'T CONTAIN POISON.

IT'S PLAIN SMOKE.

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...“DEATH” IS ONLY A MOMENTARY PAIN.

AFTER ALL...

YOU TOOK MY SISTER FROM ME...

YOU TOOK HER FIANCÉ FROM HER...

...NOR MY HATE.

SIMPLE DEATH WILL NOT SATISFY MY SISTER'S GRUDGE...

SO NOW IT IS MY TURN...

...TAKE AWAY THE PERSON WHO IS MOST IMPORTANT TO YOU!

THIS TIME, I'LL...

...INTO A "LIVING HELL"!

CASTING YOU DOWN...

THIS IS YUKISHIRO ENISHI'S ULTIMATE REVENGE.

JINCHŪ!!

I TOLD YOU.

HE'S COMING HERE!

YOU FIEND!!

STOP...

Eh...

YOU'RE ALL ANNOY-ING.

IF YOU END UP DYING, MY JINCHŪ WILL BE...

YOU CAN STILL GET UP?

JUST STAY DOWN.

ALL BUT KAMIYA KAORU, STEP AWAY.

!?

...THAT WILL NOT BE ALLOWED, ENISHI...

GAH!!

...IT WILL NOT BE ALLOWED !!!

EVEN IF TOMOE'S SPIRIT TRULY SMILED UPON YOU...

第二百六幕「鈍色暗中」

和月伸宏

KENSHIN !!

KENSHIN !!!

IDIOT!! YOU NEED TO START RUNNING !!

KENSHIN !!!!

MEGUMI! TAKE HER AND RUN!!

WE'LL TAKE CARE OF KENSHIN!

.....

ガキィン

THAT'S GREAT!

EH...

HMPH... "THAT WILL NOT BE ALLOWED."

...THE HARDER HER LOSS WILL HIT Y—

THE MORE YOU HEAT UP TO PROTECT HER...

GAH!!!

WHAT!?

THIS ONE WILL DEFEAT YOU HERE.

ENISHI ...

WHERE...DOES HE KEEP SO MUCH STRENGTH...?

...ON KAORU-DONO!!

YOU WILL NOT LAY ONE FINGER...

...ON YOU, NO MATTER WHAT!!

I WILL BRING DOWN JINCHŪ...

SHUT UP...!

WHAT ABOUT KENSHIN ?!

DON'T WASTE ANY TIME.

COME! HURRY.

KENSHIN !!

!

GET A HOLD OF YOURSELF!

IF YOU DIED, KEN-SAN WOULD BLAME HIMSELF AND SUFFER, SO YOU COULDN'T DIE, NO MATTER WHAT!

BUT THAT'S ABOUT TO HAPPEN!!

YOU SAID SO YOUR-SELF...

HEY, HEY.

I THOUGHT THIS WAS A DUEL WITH NO INTER-FERENCE.

WE'RE GONNA SMACK DOWN LITTLE MISTER SUNGLASSES!!

LET'S GO, SAITŌ!

WE'RE HELPING KENSHIN!

QUIT BEING SO STUPID!!

ENISHI'S FORFEITED THAT RIGHT.

IDIOT !!

I'LL LET YOU OWE ME ONE.

AH WELL.

I DON'T WANT THAT YOUNGSTER TAKING MY MOST ANTICIPATED PREY.

MY, MY.

EVERYONE IS SO SELFISH.

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GO TO SLEEP, ENISHI.

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WHEN YOU WAKE, YOU WILL BE TAUGHT OF THE TRUTH OF THE SITUATION.

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THIS IS IMPOSSIBLE !!

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IT... CAN'T BE...

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HAA

YOU UNDER-STAND?

IF YOU STILL DESIRE TO AVENGE TOMOE, I WILL GLADLY TAKE IT.

THEN, CAST YOUR *JINCHŪ* ON ME!

...SAMMI
!!!!

BATTŌ...

GUGAAH !!

...!!!!!

BATTŌSA...

IT SOMETIMES PAYS TO PLOT SOME TRICKERY.

I DIDN'T THINK A FALSE COMRADE WOULD BE SO USEFUL...

STOP, ENISHI!

...HAVE FINALLY SIDED WITH MY *JINCHŪ*.

IT SEEMS LIKE THE HEAVENS...

MAKE SURE HE DOESN'T KILL YOU, AND COME BE THE AUDIENCE FOR THE FINAL ACT.

IT WILL ALL BE OVER IN FOUR OR FIVE MINUTES.

ENISHI

WAIT!

THE WINDS HAVE CHANGED FOR THE WORSE! HURRY!

IT'S OVER IF WE GET CAUGHT UP IN THE SMOKE.

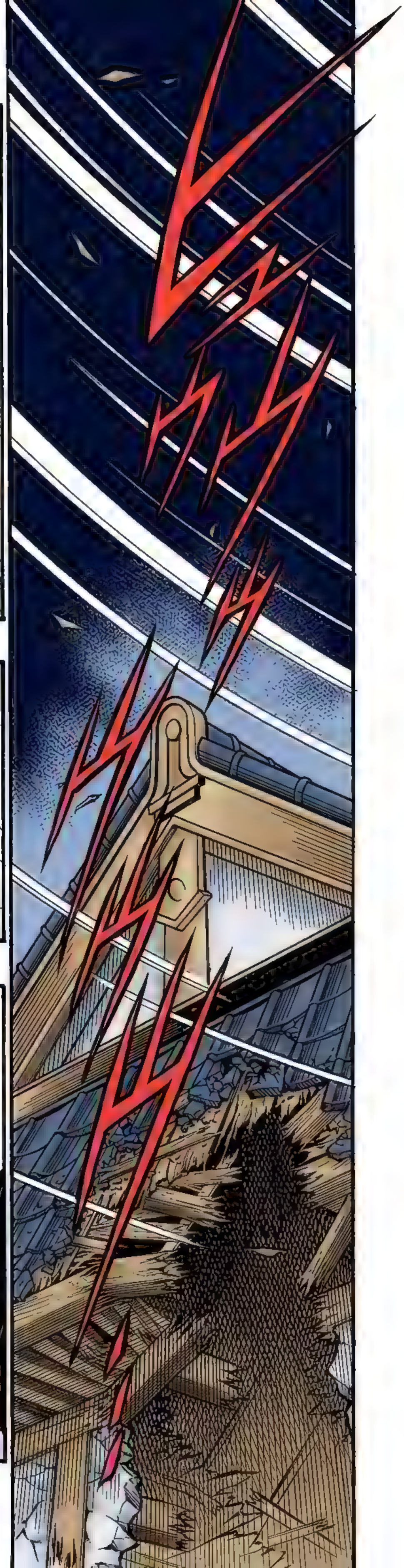
YAHIKO!

KAORU! WHAT NOW?!

I CAN'T LEAVE YAHIKO BEHIND!

I WILL BE SURE TO BRING YAHIKO, SO YOU HURRY AND GET OUT OF H—

FINE!



AHH!

I HAVE NOTHING PERSONAL AGAINST YOU. IT'S JUST A MATTER OF *JINCHŪ*.

MEGU...

MEGUMI-SAN?

MEGUMI-SAN!

YOU WILL BE SACRIFICED... HERE AND NOW!

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